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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number     | 10/083,290        |
| Filing Date            | February 27, 2002 |
| First Named Inventor   | Chiharu KOSHIO    |
| Group Art Unit         | 2879              |
| Examiner Name          | A. PATEL          |
| Attorney Docket Number | 107156-00092      |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 30602 (Aug. 10, 2000), Interim Rule, 66 Fed. Reg. 14866 (Mar. 20, 2001), 66 Fed. Reg. 14866 (Mar. 20, 2001), 67 Fed. Reg. 14866 (Mar. 20, 2002), which established RCE practice.

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition to Withdraw Patent Application from Issue After Payment of Issue Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.313

## 2. Miscellaneous

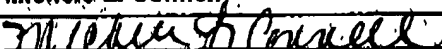
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, fee deficiency or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. 107156-00092. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Petition Fee (\$130.00)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Signature         |  | Date                              | May 30, 2006 |

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